

Note: The references below are intended to assist candidates in preparation for the oral portion of the exams listed; however, they do not contain all information necessary to be successful in passing the exams (i.e., simply memorizing and reciting the reference material to the exam panel is not likely to achieve a passing score).

Candidates should be mindful of the “Scope of the Examinations” sections in the [Exam Bulletins](#) and be able to relate the references as they apply to county personnel administration; program planning and enforcement; budgeting; public, industry and interagency relations; and government structure.

CDFA Suggested Areas of Study and References for Oral Exams for:

**Agricultural Commissioner
Sealer of Weights and Measures
Deputy Agricultural Commissioners
Deputy Sealer of Weights and Measures**

General – All Exams

- 1) California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association (CACASA) Mission and By-Laws (What CACASA is, its purpose, officer roles, standing and program committee roles).
 - [CACASA Fact Sheet \(2014\)](#)
 - [CACASA Mission and Bylaws Handbook](#)
 - [CACASA Conference and Meeting Minutes](#)
- 2) Commissioner and County Agricultural Department Responsibilities.
 - [California Food and Agricultural Code, Division 2](#)
- 3) State and county roles and relationships.
 - [Agreement for Attaining Mutual Objectives \(CACASA/CDFA/CDPR\)](#)
- 4) Legislative and rulemaking processes.
 - [How a Bill Becomes Law](#)
 - [California Rulemaking Process](#)
- 5) General concepts and components of program administration (stakeholder communication, staffing needs, equipment procurement, data collection and reporting, process evaluation, etc.).

CDFA – Agricultural Commissioner/Deputy Agricultural Commissioner

- 1) Mission Statement and organization of CDFA (Divisions and their functions, programs that interact with county agricultural departments)
 - [CDFA Mission, History, and Division Links](#)
- 2) Funding sources and contractual processes
 - [Unclaimed Gas Tax Legislation \(CFAC Sections 224 – 224.5\)](#)
 - [Annual Financial Statement Reporting](#)
 - Workplan Guidelines for High Risk Pest Exclusion and Dog Teams (may be found in Interior Pest Exclusion webpage at <http://phpps.cdfa.ca.gov/> - login required).

- 3) California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Purposes and the how they may effect agricultural programs.
 - [CEQA Overview](#)
 - [NEPA Overview](#)
 - [CDFA Statewide Plant Pest Prevention and Management Program Environmental Impact Report](#) (Executive Summary Only)
- 4) Significant Recent Legislation (From 2104 Session)
 - AB 1642 – Pest Control: Pierce’s Disease
 - AB 1871 – Direct Marketing: Certified Farmers’ Markets (see also [FAQ for AB 1871](#))

[Leginfo.ca.gov Bill Search](#) (Change Session to “2013 – 2014”) and search by bill number
- 5) Purpose of and county role in CDFA/County cooperative programs (concepts of pest prevention, direct marketing, etc.)
 - CDFA Procedural and Training Manual – Section II: Legal Authority and Quarantine Regulations (may be found in Interior Pest Exclusion webpage at <http://phpps.cdfa.ca.gov/> - login required).
 - CDFA Trapping Guide – [Supervisors Responsibilities](#)

CDFA – Sealer of Weights and Measures/Deputy Sealer of Weights and Measures

- 1) Principles of operating weights and measures programs.
 - [NIST Handbook 155: Weights and Measures Program Requirements](#)
- 2) National Institute of Standards and Technology (Function, Organization, Handbooks)
 - [NIST Homepage](#)
- 3) County Role in investigating weights and measures violations and civil penalty processes
 - [Weights and Measures Penalty Guidelines \(CCR Title 4, Division 9, Chapter 12, Article 2\)](#)
- 4) National Conference of Weights and Measures (Function, Organization, Committees, Process for changing NIST Handbooks)
 - [NCWM Homepage](#)
 - [How an Idea Becomes a National Standard](#)
 - [Propose to Change NIST Handbooks](#)
- 5) Weights and Measures Law and Regulation Enforcement Authorities (State Sealer Authorities, County Sealer Authorities, How NIST Handbooks are Adopted into California Law)
 - [California Business and Professions Code, Division 5](#)
 - [California Code of Regulations Title 4, Division 9, Chapter 1](#)
- 6) Significant Recent Legislation (From 2014 Session)
 - AB 1907 – Natural Gas: Gallon Equivalent
 - AB 2251 – Weights and Measures: Beverage Containers
 - AB 1871 – Weights and Measures: Water Submeters

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7) Significant Current Legislation Proposals

- AB 808 – Automotive Fuels and Products
- AB 296 – Weights and Measures: Inspection, Fees

[Leginfo.ca.gov Bill Search](http://leginfo.ca.gov/BillSearch) and search by bill number

8) Purpose of and county role in CDFA DMS/County cooperative weights and measures programs (Weighmaster, Petroleum, Junk Dealers and Recyclers, Price and quantity verification, etc.).

- [Petroleum Program Manual](#)
- [Price and Quantity Verification Manual](#)
- [Weighmaster Enforcement Manual](#)

CDPR Sources of Information for Oral Exams for

Agricultural Commissioner Deputy Agricultural Commissioner

Department of Pesticide Regulation's website - <http://www.cdpr.ca.gov>

DPR Program and Services - <http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/dprprograms.htm>

DPR Regulation Process and Authority: From Registration to Mitigation Measures - <http://cdpr.ca.gov/docs/dept/factshts/regprocess.pdf>

Performance Measures - <http://cdpr.ca.gov/docs/dept/planning/performance/outputs.htm>

Mill Assessment Collection - <http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/legbills/calcode/020301.htm>

Mill Assessment Disbursement Criteria - <http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/legbills/calcode/020302.htm>

DPR Website Index - <http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/sindex.htm>

Issues of concern regarding the Pesticide Use Enforcement program may be found in either Area Group minutes and/or the Pesticide Regulatory Affairs Committee (PRAC) minutes found on CACASA.org.

In addition, *A Guide to Pesticide Regulation in California* was published in 2011. In its 160 pages is information on pesticide laws and regulations, the Department of Pesticide Regulation's (DPR) organizational structure, an explanation of regulatory and registration processes, a description of local and state enforcement activities, and details on DPR initiatives to protect people and the environment. It is an update to the 2001 DPR publication, *Regulating Pesticides: The California Story, a Guide to Pesticide Regulation in California*.

- **California's Second Century of Pesticide Regulation** ([Chapter 1, PDF](#), 916 kb)
 - Early pesticide regulation: Focus on consumer fraud
 - The 1920s: Food residues become a concern
 - New pesticides prompt new controls
 - Preemption: Federal, state and local jurisdiction of pesticide use
 - Functional equivalency under the California Environmental Quality Act
 - Creating a science-based regulatory agency
 - Roles of U.S. EPA and the states in regulating pesticides

Pesticide regulation becomes a CalEPA department
Rulemaking
Flowchart of rulemaking process

- **DPR Organization and Mission Statement** ([Chapter 2, PDF](#), 359 kb)
- **Pesticide registration** ([Chapter 3, PDF](#), 445 kb)
 - Process
 - Special Exemptions and Section 18's
 - Research Authorizations
- **Reevaluation of pesticide products** ([Chapter 4, PDF](#), 348 kb)
 - Adverse effects to human health and environment
 - On-line document
- **Assessing pesticide risk to human health** ([Chapter 5, PDF](#), 433 kb)
 - Hazard and risk (prop 65 items)
 - Dietary risk assessments, exposure, and response
- **Ensuring safe pesticide use** ([Chapter 7, PDF](#), 528 kb)
 - Role of state and local agencies
 - Restricted materials and permitting
 - State/County enforcement partnership
 - Enforcement and compliance options
 - License and certification programs
 - Product Compliance
- **Partnership with Structural Pest Control Board** ([Chapter 8, PDF](#), 344 kb)
 - What is structural pest control
 - Licensing and enforcement components
 - Program elements
- **Pesticide residue monitoring** ([Chapter 9, PDF](#), 327 kb)
 - Food residue
 - Analytical methods
 - Coordination with federal agencies
- **Protecting workers and the public.** ([Chapter 10, PDF](#), 409 kb)
 - Worker safety
 - Role of county and state
 - Investigating pesticide illness and incidents
- **Pesticide use reporting** ([Chapter 11, PDF](#), 332 kb)
 - Process
 - Difference between agricultural and non-agricultural pesticide use
 - How data is used (i.e., funding)
- **Protecting the environment** ([Chapter 12, PDF](#), 556 kb)
 - Air, surface and groundwater programs
 - Endangered species
 - Emergency projects (i.e., eradication projects)
- **Reducing the risk of managing pests** ([Chapter 13, PDF](#), 386 kb)
 - Define integrated pest management
 - Grants, schools, childcare
- **Addressing public concerns about pesticides** ([Chapter 14, PDF](#), 369 kb)

Ag/Urban interface
Public cooperation and understanding
Environmental justice considerations

- **Funding and accountability** ([Chapter 15, PDF](#), 312 kb)
 - Product registration fees
 - Mill Fees
 - Local assistance

Additional Items

- Administrative and structural civil penalty process
- County program areas of responsibilities and authorities
- Current events, news releases, and bulletins